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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/921,851) Group Art Unit: 3738
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For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

- 203. The method of claim 121, wherein the step of providing the implant includes
providing an implant having at least one opening in each of the upper and lower
surfaces in communication with one another, the openings being configured to
permit for the growth of bone from vertebral body to adjacent vertebral body
through the implant.
204. The method of claim 203, further comprising the step of combining the implant
with at least one of bone, bone morphogenetic proteins, hydroxyapatite, and
genes coding for the production of bone.
205. The method of claim 203, wherein the step of providing the implant includes
providing an implant having an internal chamber between the upper and lower

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